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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 8, 2021

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Monday, March 8, 2021, DHHS announced 226 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 5.8 %. Today's results include 144 people who tested positive by PCR test and 82 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,036 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **3/7: 226** new cases

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are twenty-six individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 48% being female and 52% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (57), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (35), Strafford (34), Cheshire (14), Merrimack (14), Belknap (10), Grafton (9), Carroll (7), Sullivan (3), and Coos (2) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (25) and Nashua (8). The county of residence is being determined for eight new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis, are associated with an outbreak setting, or have recently traveled.

There are currently 81 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 77,060 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated March 8, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	77,060
Recovered	73,840 (96%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,184 (2%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,036
Current Hospitalizations	81
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	634,167
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests ₂	37,945
Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL	69,048
Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL ₃	56

₁Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

²Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

³Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

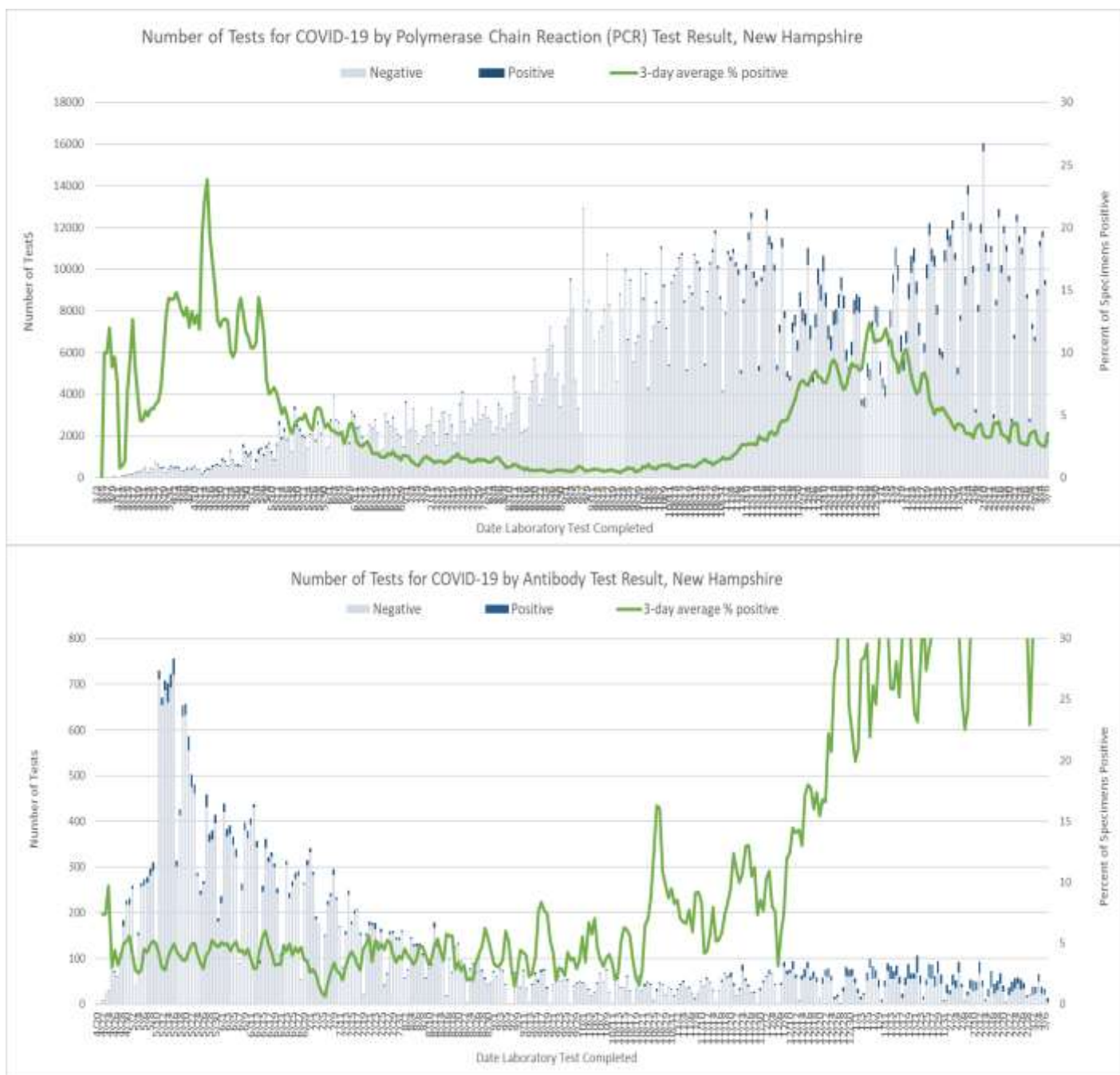
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/01	3/02	3/03	3/04	3/05	3/06	3/07	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	87	0	739	610	549	325	0	330
LabCorp	302	650	602	534	651	523	250	502
Quest Diagnostics	256	83	366	820	556	563	294	420
Mako Medical	17	375	630	42	51	98	85	185
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	249	393	368	421	669	390	222	387
NorDX Laboratory	89	731	285	443	313	98	109	295
Broad Institute	1,865	37	699	3,196	4,779	4,514	431	2,217
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	374	517	660	394	455	331	216	421
Other Laboratory*	244	242	443	524	409	260	129	322
University of New Hampshire**	3,897	3,717	4,237	4,374	3,396	2,385	31	3,148
Total	7,380	6,745	9,029	11,358	11,828	9,487	1,767	8,228
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/01	3/02	3/03	3/04	3/05	3/06	3/07	Daily Average
LabCorp	0	16	18	17	8	10	7	11
Quest Diagnostics	7	1	7	24	12	19	1	10
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	7	5	2	8	6	3	1	5
NorDX Laboratory	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	1
Other Laboratory*	3	3	4	9	3	1	0	3
Total	17	27	33	59	29	33	10	30

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.

Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.

** Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboartory and their contracted lab Veritas.



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For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19>.

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